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(Case No. 98,385-E)

PATENT

In application of:

Hauptmann *et al.*

Serial No. To be assigned

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For: TNF Receptors, TNF Binding Proteins and
DNAs Coding for Them

Before the Examiner:

Group Art Unit:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please enter the following Preliminary Amendment in the above-identified continuation application.

AMENDMENTS

The Examiner is respectfully requested to make the following amendments.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 1, line 3, please insert the following:

-- This application is a continuation of U.S. patent application, Serial No. 08/383,676, filed February 1, 1995, which is a continuation of U.S. Serial No. 08/153,287, filed November 17, 1993, abandoned, which is a continuation of U.S. Serial No. 07/821,750, filed January 2, 1992, abandoned, which is a divisional of U.S. Serial No. 07/511,430, filed April 20, 1990, abandoned, the contents of each of which are incorporated herein by reference. The application also claims priority to foreign patent applications P39 13 101.7, filed April 21, 1989, in Germany; P39 20 282.8, filed